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SUBJ: UNCTAD COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS

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1. EMBOFF CONVEYED USG VIEWS TO MANFREDI OF MFA OFFICE OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

2. MANFREDI SAID HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT FMA IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH USG VIEWS. HE SPECIFICALLY ENDORSED EFFORT TO CONTINUE COPPER DISCUSSIONS UNDER THE MORE FLEXIBLE MARCH TERMS OF REFERENCE. HE SUSPECTED THAT A NUMBER OF PRODUCERS WOULD PREFER THE TO "STARTING ALL OVER AGAIN" ON THE BASIS OF THE NAIROBI TERMS OF REFERENCE.

3. HE DEFERRED RENDERING AN OPINION ON THE TACTIC OF TRYING TO ADVANCE THE DATE OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE UNTIL THE MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED WITH OTHER MFA OFFICIALS. HE SAID MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON THE SIZE AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE. IN GENERAL, HE SAID, DC INFLUENCE IS LIKELY TO BE GREATER IN SMALL GROUPS.

4. ON BROAD PARTICIPATION IN COMMODITY MEETINGS, MANFREDI OPINED THAT THEY WERE LIKELY TO FALL INTO TWO GROUPS: THOSE IN WHICH LDC PRODUCERS BELIEVE THERE ARE SUBSTATIVE ECONOMIC GAINS THAT CAN BE ATTAINED IN THE NEAR-TERM THROUGH THE MEETINGS (IN WHICH CASE THEY WOULD BE INCLINED TO QUICKLY FALL INTO THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DISCUSSION MODE) AND THOSE IN WHICH PRODUCERS ARE NOT IN ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT AND/OR DO NOT EXPECT ANY REAL GAINS (IN WHICH CASE PRODUCERS WILL BE CONTENT TO JOIN IN GENERAL LDC CRITICISMS AND DEMANDS IN OPEN MEETINGS).
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